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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuhiro SAITOU

Serial No. 09/432,113

Group Art Unit: 2672

Filed: November 2, 1999

Examiner: C. Harrison

For: GRAPHIC EDITING APPARATUS, GRAPHIC EDITING METHOD AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM ON WHICH IS RECORDED A PROGRAM FOR GRAPHIC EDITING

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on October 5, 2001. A petition and fee for a 1-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to November 5, 2001.

The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please ADD claim 13 in accordance with the following:

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13. (NEW) A method of inserting a node into a displayed graph, comprising:  
determining a first connection in the graph by comparing a position of the first connection with a position of an input device, where the first connection connects a first displayed node and a second displayed node; and  
inserting the insertion node into the graph by creating a second connection connecting the insertion node to the first node, and by creating a third connection connecting the insertion node to the second node.

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